(e) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

(f) Does not arise.

Special Economic Zones in Kerala

1016. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded sanction to set up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Kochi in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the stipulations specified in the new Foreign Trade Policy relating to development of the towns of export excellence and the towns of Kerala, where the concerned sectors achieved the cross mark?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) A Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is already functional at Kakkanad,Cochin in Kerala. Further, approval has been given to the Cochin Port Trust proposal to set up a port based SEZ at Vallarpadam/Puthuvypeen in Kerala.

(c) In terms of paragraph 3.3 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), selected towns producing goods of Rs. 1000 crore or more will be notified as Towns of Export Excellence on the basis of their potential for growth in exports. However, for the Towns of Export Excellence in the Handloom, Handicrafts, Agriculture and Fisheries sectors, the threshold limit would be Rs. 250 crore. Kanoor and AEKK (Aroor, Ezhupunna, Kodanthuruthu and Kuthiathodu) in Kerala have so far been listed as Towns of Export Excellence for Handlooms and Marine products respectively as per Appendix 41 of the Handbook of Procedures (Vol. I) of FTP.

Indo-Chinese trade relations

1017. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are willing to build a long term and sustainable